

HOUSE RESOLUTION 134

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A RESOLUTION commending the City of Chia-yi for its efforts at promoting friendship and cultural, educational, and commercial exchanges with the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Chia-yi City is situated on the Chia-nan Plain in the central part of Taiwan, also known as Formosa, covering a land area of 60.025 square kilometers, with its eastern parts consisting of hills and the rest of fertile plain; and

WHEREAS, the total number of households in Chia-yi City is 83,161 with a population of 268,775 free and vivacious citizens, including 134,595 males and 134,160 females; while most of its population thrives in the fields of industry and business, agriculture and forestry run a close second; and

WHEREAS, Chia-yi City is a historic city with an ardent love for the arts, enjoying the good reputation as a "painting city." In addition, Taiwan's most precious Cochin pottery craft originated here, and it is a testament to the fact that this city is a city filled with culture, arts, and numerous scenic spots; and

WHEREAS, Chia-yi City is the starting point of a journey to Mt. Ali, a mountain resort adjacent to Jade Mountain, the highest mountain in Southeast Asia; well known for its beautiful sunrises and sunsets, sea of clouds, ancient forests, and steam-powered locomotives, Mt. Ali boasts one of the last three mountain railroads in the world, carrying passengers higher and higher in a most crisscrossing fashion; and

WHEREAS, Chia-yi, situated in the heartland of the Southern Coastal Plain of Taiwan and one of five provincial municipalities that have been developing into a center for consumers in the area, recently celebrated its tercentennial anniversary of cityhood; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Ming-hui Huang and the City Council, consisting of twenty-two members with Madam Speaker Kuei-sze Tsai and Vice Speaker Fang-chin Chiu, have strived to integrate tradition with modernization by encouraging students to study in the University of Memphis, University of Tennessee, East Tennessee University, and Lee University, thereby creating a city of efficiency, prosperity, and international friendship; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor the City of Chia-yi for its efforts at promoting friendship and cultural, educational, and commercial exchanges with the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.